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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL GOOD WILL VISIT BY DR. EBERHARD STROHAL

FOR CU/STRAUS, USIA IOP/IEU

REF: STRAUSA DOVE CONVERSATION IN VIENNA JAN 22

1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR AGREEMENT TO ASSIST DR. STROHAL. STROHAL NOW EXPECTS TO TAKE EARLY MORNING SHUTTLE TO WASHINGTON ON FEB 4 AND PLANS TO TELEPHONE OR VISIT YOU SAME DAY. HOTEL INDEFINITE, PROBABLY STAYING WITH AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

2. YOU WILL RECALL THAT STROHAL WANTS TO ARRANGE A BICENTENNIAL GOOD WILL VISIT UNDER AUSPICES OF WOCHENPRESSE FOR GROUP OF AROUND 100 AUSTRIANS FOR TWO WEEK PERIOD IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL. STROHAL HOPE TO HAVE HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPANTS AND PATTERN TRIP ON SIMILAR UNDERTAKING IN 1965 THAT COMMEMORATED 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATE TREAS. PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP WAS TO THANK AMERICA FOR ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO AUSTRIA AFTER WORLD WAR II. PRESIDENT JOHNSON AND OTHER AMERICAN LEADERS RECEIVED THE GROUP IN SEVERAL U.S. CITIES.

3. STROHAL WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE ASSURANCE FROM YOU AND/OR ARBA OFFICIALS THAT GROUP CAN BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE ON APPROPRIATE LEVEL. FURTHER, DESIRES RECOMMENDATIONS ON CULTURAL AND POLITICAL EVENTS DURING PERIOD. STROHAL EXPECTS TO HAVE ALONG A NUMBER OF MEDIA REPS, MOST OF WHOM SEE ELECTION STORY AS THEIR MAIN

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INTEREST. STROHAL HAS, OF COURSE, SEEN OCTOBER 75 EDITION OF THE

CALENDAR OF BICENTENNIAL EVENTS AND SOMEWHAT OVER-
WHELMED BY QUANTITY, PUZZLED BY INCLUSION OF SO MANY MINOR
HAPPENINGS. HOPEFULLY BICENTENNIAL OFFICIALS CAN DISCUSS MAJOR
EVENTS FROM A LESS COMPREHENSIVE LISTING. BUCHANAN

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